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### Our Vision Statement


To be a family of faith that has the courage to be good neighbors, by reaching out to meet the personal and spiritual needs in our community.

## THE MESSENGER

June 2, 2023

*Redeemer  
Lutheran Church  
Newsletter*

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### WEEKLY DEVOTION WITH PASTOR DAVE MINER Devotion No. 92

**Reading: Joshua 1**

**(Optional Reading: Joshua 2 – 4)**

**“<sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9 NIV)**

While growing up in Southern California, after I turned eight, I spent one week at the YMCA Camp Fox on Catalina Island. We lived in open-air tents, swam in the ocean all day, and closed with a campfire and skits. But Catalina Island had wild boars that roamed all over the island. At night, they would come into camp looking for food, especially if someone tried to hide candy under their pillow. As you lay in bed, you could hear them walk through your cabin or between the tents.

Scared? You bet. Until I realized my camp counselor was with me and I did not need to be afraid. You can imagine how I felt around the counselor. I felt like I could face anything including wild boars.

Being a Christian is a little like having a camp counselor on my side. God is with you. God goes before you. God protects you. God is always there. That is what he told Joshua in Joshua 1:9, and that is what he is telling you too. “I am with you!”

**Jesus, help me always to feel you at my side. Amen.**

**Save  
the Date**

**Sunday  
June 11th**

# **VOTERS'** MEETING

**After the  
11 a.m.  
Service  
Fellowship  
Hall**

**Randy Mayer, Congregation President**

- Use your voice to vote in our annual election of our President, Vice President, and Chairs for the Boards of Christian Education, Fellowship, Finance, and Property and ratification of the council secretary and financial secretary.

If you are interested in a position on the church council, please contact Randy Mayer at [randymayerva@gmail.com](mailto:randymayerva@gmail.com) or Marcus Woollard at [marcuswoollard@yahoo.com](mailto:marcuswoollard@yahoo.com).

- Become informed. Updates will be provided on the following: Facilities Expansion —“God’s Dreams” Strategic Planning—Boards’ Annual Reports—Security Upgrades.

+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Holy Trinity Sunday 04 June A.D. 2023 + + +



## **Helping Hands**

Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. *2 John 1:9*



*Called by GOD as stewards of life, we must teach about GOD whenever we can, to everyone.*

# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

# MINISTRY FAIR

LEARN ABOUT THE MINISTRIES IN OUR  
COMMUNITY OF FAITH

DISCOVER WHERE GOD IS CALLING YOU TO  
SHARE YOUR TALENT

**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> | 9:00 a.m.**

Stop by the ministry tables in between worship  
services enroute to your car.

Please contact Judy Devey with questions.

Email: [jdevey22@gmail.com](mailto:jdevey22@gmail.com) | Phone: (301) 752-2935



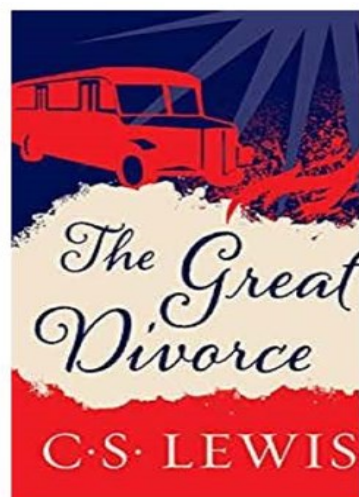


# SUMMER 2023

DATES TO BE DETERMINED

## PASTOR DAVE'S MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

- Book: *The Great Divorce* by C. S. Lewis
- Donation: \$15.00 to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund



**Where do you like to go on vacation?** You might enjoy the mountains next to a lake, or like me, a trip to the beach for peace and relaxation.

**What about a vacation from hell?** This idea is presented by C.S. Lewis in *The Great Divorce* called "refrigerium." The concept is about souls taking a vacation from Hell to visit other places, namely Heaven. They are allowed to go, check it out, and see whether they want to stay. This concept is not based on Scripture, but it is interesting to draw upon important biblical principles through this genre of fiction.

**You must commit.** To truly experience the benefits of a beach vacation, you would not stay in your room and watch the beach from the balcony. You would get out on the beach and immerse yourself in your surroundings and the joy of being there. Likewise, faith in God is not something that you can just be checking out. You must commit. Jesus tells us that if we have faith in God, we can move mountains. I am not talking about "naming it and claiming it" I am talking about possessing a small mustard seed sized faith that trusts in the provision and power of the living God. What mountains in your life do you need to move?

**It is time to get out on the beach and experience all that God has for you.** Stop checking out the view from the balcony and embrace a genuine faith in God. Join us as we explore *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## for Preschool through 5th Grade Students

Laura Ross, DCE

**June 26-30**

**3 pm - 6 p.m.**



**Daily Dinners**

**Fellowship  
Hall**

### Register today for the best week of your summer!

Redeemer Lutheran Church is delighted to invite you to our Twists & Turns Vacation Bible School from June 26 through 30, 2023!

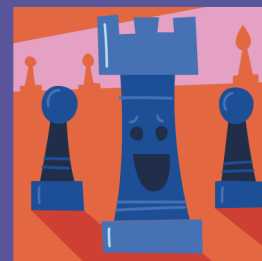
Twists and Turns Vacation Bible School is a fantastical celebration of how following Jesus changes the game. Jesus walks with us through all of life's twists and turns, and we look forward to celebrating His saving love in an awesome game-filled theme.



### REGISTRATION

To register, click on the link below.

[MyVBS | Redeemer Lutheran Church](#)



# Summer Day Camp

Student Station Summer Session  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
5120 Harrison Road Fredericksburg, VA 22408

## **SUMMER FUN IN A LOVING & SAFE CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT**

Students entering Kindergarten  
through 8th grade

8:30 - 4:30 Monday - Friday  
Extended hours available

\$135 per camper per week  
\$155 for extended hours

Scholarship applications available

Weekly registration June 5 - August 7

**EMAIL [DCE@REDEEMERFXBG.ORG](mailto:DCE@REDEEMERFXBG.ORG) NOW  
FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION!**

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Laura Ross, DCE

**Redeemer is hiring!**

**Position:**

## Preschool Teacher's Aide

16-20 hours a week  
Starting 2023-24 School Year  
\$13 per hour

**Redeemer is hiring!**

**Position:**

## Day Camp Program Director

40 hours a week  
May - August 2023  
Facilitate and manage the day-to-day operations of  
Redeemer Lutheran's Student Station Day Camp program.  
\$14 per hour

If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Laura Ross  
at [dce@redeemerfxbg.org](mailto:dce@redeemerfxbg.org)

### REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship	8:00 a.m. (Traditional) and 11:00 a.m. (Blended)
Sunday School and Bible Study	Pastor's Bible Study will meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom.
Livestreaming	Livestreaming is available on our website at <a href="http://www.redeemerfxbg.org">www.redeemerfxbg.org</a> . Scroll over "Media" on the top right of the page and click on "Watch Live" from the drop-down menu.

### QR Codes for SUNDAY WORSHIP Use the QR Codes Below or "CLICK HERE"

#### Sunday 8:00 a.m. Service



#### Sunday 11:00 am Service



You may also follow worship services on our website by clicking on the link below.

[Service Scripts | Redeemer Lutheran Church \(redeemerfxbg.org\)](http://www.redeemerfxbg.org)

Then select the 8:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service.

## *Birthday & Anniversary Blessings*

June 2-8, 2023

### *Birthdays*

June 2	Marie Daniels	June 4	Jacob Bolden
June 3	Terri Byrd	June 5	Carey Schwenzer
June 4	Sheree Keefer	June 6	Nathanael Pittano

### *Anniversaries*

June 3	Chris & Tina Zimmer	June 8	Mike & Bobbie Mullinax
June 4	John & Francine Kassouf	June 8	Drew & Heather Westphal

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please contact the church office at [info@redeemerfxbg.org](mailto:info@redeemerfxbg.org)

### *Church Flowers*

There is no dedication for church flowers this week.

### *Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts*

#### June 4 – Festival of the Holy Trinity

The care that Father, Son, and Spirit enact by creating humankind in His image makes every member of our race precious (Genesis 11:26-27). He reserves for Himself alone the right to decide how they live and when they die. Ultimate authority belongs to Jesus alone (Acts 2:36). We get the privilege and responsibility of teaching everyone that they also may believe it (Matthew 28:20)!

### *Worship Attendance and Contributions*

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
May 28, 2023	200	293	\$9,204	\$309,274
Last Year	210	273	\$6,867	\$300,741